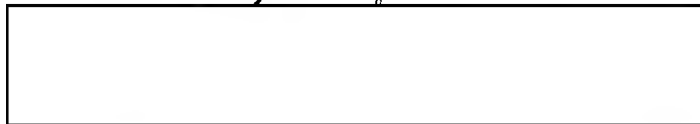


10 June 1976

Dear Hal.

I greatly appreciated your kind note on the occasion of my forthcoming departure. I too have greatly valued our friendship and my long and useful relationship with INR and State (in whose Embassies I have spent a good part of my career.)

With many thanks for your thoughtfulness in writing out the hope that our paths will cross again and every good wish to you and your colleagues,
Sincerely,
F. B. Tully



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Lt. General Vernon A. Walters
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Dear Dick:

We in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research--and I personally--could not let you leave without sending our warmest wishes to you as you stand down after 35 years of distinguished service to our country.

Few can look back on a career as rich with participation in momentous events, rare accomplishment, direct knowledge of world leaders--and sheer excitement--as yours has been. That is cause for deep personal satisfaction, I am sure, and your many friends are happy with you in that achievement. Your success and the confidence placed in you have been well earned.

Although I write this as a personal note, I must also say more formally that you also have the satisfaction of enjoying the high regard and warm affection of your professional associates all over town. In that context, it is my pleasure and privilege to send you this expression of the esteem of your colleagues in INR.

Sincerely,

Harold H. Saunders